

Application No. 09/899,647  
Amendment dated September 3, 2003  
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85. (previously amended) A hardened voyage data recorder according to claim 80, wherein:

said upper flange has two concentric grooves, each adapted to receive an O-ring.

86. (previously amended) A hardened voyage data recorder according to claim 85, further comprising:

one o-ring and one mesh gasket, one disposed in one of said two concentric grooves and the other disposed in the other of said two concentric grooves.

Claims 87-110 (Canceled)

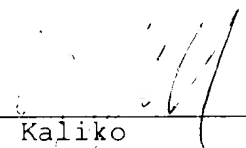
#### REMARKS

Claims 47-110 are pending in this application. The Examiner rejected/objected claims 70-79 and 87-100 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. However, the Examiner allowed claims 47-69 and 80-86.

Applicants request that claims 70-79 and 87-110 be cancelled without prejudice, as such, allowable claims 47-69 and 80-86 remain pending in this application. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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